

Remarks

Claims 1-32 were pending in the present application prior to this response. Claims 1-18 and 20-32 were rejected and claim 19 was objected to. No claims have been amended herein. Claims 27-32 have been canceled. Reconsideration of all rejected claims is requested.

I. Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-18, 20-26 are rejected under the nonstatutory (obviousness-type) double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,659,779 (Harris et al).

The Office Action states that a terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome these rejections based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground. Therefore, a terminal disclaimer responsive to a double patenting rejection has been filed to overcome these rejections.

In view of the above, all of the pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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